

ABSTRACT

A keypad is provided for optimal viewing from an off-axis vantage point, i.e., that is not perpendicular to the plane of the keypad, for a device such as a wireless phone clipped upside-down to a user's belt or a remote control pointed at a controlled device. At least a triad of keys have numerical or other visible indicia on a planar, or slightly convex or concave surface that is oblique to the plane. The keypad can be operated conveniently without having to shift viewpoint or move the device.